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Imagine Samuel Gompers Calling the Members of the British Government a Gang of Murderers

An interesting dispatch from London yesterday gives us an account of a stirring scene in the House of Commons the night before.

Captain Wedgwood Benn, a member of Parliament, rose on the floor of the House of Commons and demanded to know if Sir Hamar Greenwood, the chief secretary for Ireland, what the government proposed to do with respect to the question of compensating the family of a seven-year-old child, killed by the British soldiers at Ballinacree recently.

Captain Benn said in explanation of his question, "This infant was killed by the Right Honorable gentleman's agents," referring to Greenwood, who in behalf of the British Government, directs the murder gang in Ireland.

The members of the government shouted at Benn, whereupon John Jones, the representative of organized labor in the House of Commons, leaped to his feet and shouted at the Cabinet and government members, "You are all murderers, every one of you."

This is the way that organized labor in England is paying its debt to the Irish people for the way the Irish people's representatives in Parliament for more than a generation supported the British workmen in their demand for justice from the ruling classes in England, who are now so brutally oppressing Ireland with murder, arson and rapine.

What the Irish members of Parliament did for a quarter of a generation for the workmen of England, they did for the workmen of the United States, for whenever you improve the conditions of labor in any country in the world by raising the wages, or the standard of living or the conditions of work, you aid the workmen everywhere, both morally and materially, directly and indirectly. This is so obvious that it scarcely needs argument, even with the unbelieved.

Even a stupid workman hardly needs to be told that he is better off to have the American workmen who are producing the same things that the American workmen are producing, in competition with the products of the American workmen, receive better wages and work under better conditions. It is ruinous to the American workmen to be obliged to compete with cheap labor.

Organized labor in America has not been behind British labor in expressing sympathy for Ireland, but what has Mr. Gompers done? Who could imagine Mr. Gompers leaping to his feet in a public assembly in the face of British Government officers and shouting at them in behalf of Ireland that they are "all murderers, every one of them?" It is not because Mr. Gompers is of British birth that you cannot picture him thus, for John Jones is of British birth and lives in Britain.

Yes, Washington Was a British Subject

But He Fought His Own Government When It Was Wrong

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The head of a nation is bound to maintain and express friendly feelings for all countries with which we are not at war. President Harding properly sent a very friendly message to England in connection with the unveiling of three busts put up in England in memory of George Washington.

This line from the President's message interests you: "They (the busts) will remind both peoples that Washington was an Englishman by birth and tradition," etc.

So he was, and let it be remembered that although he was a British subject, living under the British Government here, he did not hesitate to rebel vigorously against taxation without representation.

What is more, it would not have made much difference to George Washington whether he was taxed without representation by an English King or an American trust.

Washington and his friends wouldn't stand even a ridiculous little tax "without representation" put on by the English King. And one hundred millions of Americans today tolerate every kind of a tax "without representation" that ANY kind of a trust can invent.

If it was right for Washington to rebel against robbery by King George from abroad, it would be right for Americans to rebel against robbery by King Dollar at home. But the Americans, as Lord Northcliffe says, are a docile people. You can do to them as you wish you would not do to George Washington.

Why We Went to War

Not for Business Reasons, Surely

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President Harding contradicts Harvey, who said we went to war simply as a business venture because it suited our selfish purposes.

Harvey was wrong. We went to war because the foolish German Kaiser told us our ships could not sail the seas unmolested, that he would sink them if they tried to sail without his permission.

That is partly why we went to war. We probably should have got into the war anyhow, for practically all of the Germans and pro-Germans in the United States had voted against Mr. Wilson and for Mr. Hughes, and, besides, we were getting quite excited and wanted to do something emphatic. That war was far from a business venture, for there was no possibility of our getting a dollar of money or a foot of land out of it, and there was a dead certainty that our profiteers would get most of the forty billions spent—they would have got much more if it had lasted longer.

We went to war because a vast majority of our citizens thought Germany started it and deserved a beating. There was certainly no sordid selfishness in it.

Bad Lighting Causes Divorce

Trim Your Lamps, Girls

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Athletic Girls Poor Mothers?

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LONDON, June 1.—Whether athletic girls become healthy mothers is a problem now being hotly debated by women doctors here.

The question arises in an acute form when the pioneers of the recent agitation against athletics for girls held a conference in London and condemned games as tending to be injurious to the next generation.

To such dimensions has the campaign against feminine athletics grown, that it is considered likely many colleges will shortly revise their games curriculum and that the present craze for violent exercise among all classes of British girls will be struck a fatal blow.

The chief blow to the "muscle girls," as they are known here, was dealt by Miss Cowdry, a college principal who has had experience of girls for three generations. She said:

"The girls trained to hockey, cricket, football and tennis suffer less in after life. Sometimes the child suffers and sometimes the mother, and sometimes one of them dies."

"The Victorian girl was better physically than the modern girl," medical support was given by Dr. Ansell, the celebrated doctor. "Athletic women produce female offspring mainly," she said, "stupid or they have some care in taken over them."

On the other hand, there is an industrial body of medical opinion in favor of athletics for girls. Dr. Mary Scherblin, the famous woman surgeon, says: "Much of this criticism is nonsense. Athletics are excellent for girls, provided care is taken over them."

The view of his business concern, employing large numbers of girls (most of whom in this country provide their personnel with grounds for games) is expressed by a member of Lyons, the tea-shop concern.

"The most efficient members of our staff are those who indulge in games," he said. "I have never found that the health of the business girl suffers from tennis, hockey or football."

Stars and Stripes

They who invite misfortune with impatience entertain it with impunity.

Disputes are usually contests between two men in error, to ascertain which one of them harbors the greater.

Talent is but general ability commanded by the superior, private industry.

A grocer is a fellow who complains of the bitterness of life, but does nothing to stir the sweets at the bottom of his cup.

A wish is but a false bubble of ambition.

When you do a fool a favor, pray that he may not try to do the same for you.

Opportunities are like fish of the sea; those that slip off your hook never bite again.

Milk Trees

In British Guinea and the West Indies, particularly on the banks of the River Demerara, there grows a tree known to the natives as the "milk tree," which yields from its bark and pith a juice slightly thicker and thicker than cow's milk. The tree is about forty feet in height and eight inches in circumference when full grown, and the natives use its juice as we do milk. It being perfectly harmless and mixing well with water, the Guineans have tree they call "Kiriaguma," which yields a fluid in all respects like milk, while in the forests of Para, a tree called the "Hansen-dendron," which gives a milk-like juice. It can be kept for as indefinite time and shows no tendency to become sour. On the other hand, certain trees in the valley of Aragua and in Canaguá yield a similar fluid, which, when exposed to the air, begins to form a kind of cheese which very soon becomes sour.

The Old Timers' Club

Do You Remember

Way Back When—

John F. Fitzgerald, then a member of the Boston Police, was at the City Hall. Fitzgerald had voted in committee for subways which Mayor Matthews opposed and he denied Fitzgerald admission to the office. This was the first gun in his Congressional campaign against O'Neill.

The Indians used to camp for five or six weeks every summer on "Tommy Rock," now Circuit street, making baskets and peddling them from door to door—CHIEF.

When Jimmie Ormand had the carriage stand in front of the old Tremont House on Tremont street, he was well known and a good fellow. Now deceased—PATRICK.

Joseph H. O'Neill of the Federal Trust Company presided at the big meeting in Boston College Hall and Bourke Cockran was the orator for the Young Men's Catholic Union of Boston—TRIMONT.

Join the Old Timers' Club. Indication—See remembrance in the Boston American, read them in the Old Timers' Editor.

Why?

Pat Perce of Patient People

What goes your gut today? You'll feel better if you tell the Pat Perce Editor of the Boston American about it.

WHY do they teach us to new things by hand in school, when the sewing machine is much easier and works faster and neater? DOUBLEDAY.

WHY do millions tell you that you won't sell you the hat for less than \$10 (cutting them \$7.50) and then let you walk away with it for \$4.50? KILBY.

WHY do conductors on the elevated allow men to stand in the cars with smoking cigars in their hands, against the rules?—ANNONY.

GANDHI, THE LEADER OF REVOLT IN INDIA

By Tarakanth Das,
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MAHATMA has risen in India who says, as said Jesus of old, "Follow me," and hundreds of millions from all walks of life follow him; from drudging agricultural laborers, street cleaners, strolling musicians, merchants, to landlords and rajahs. This man is Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Mahatma Gandhi has been compared to Jesus of Nazareth by Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, a member of the British Parliament, who travelled eight thousand miles to see this great man and says: "Gandhi has a greater following than any political leader in the world today. He draws and holds his disciples by the power of love, by counselling the pulpit of non-resistance with its single weapon of suffering."

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Spiritual Leader

There is no man in the world today who has given to the world the Krishna and Buddha there should have been the greatest spiritual leader of our times, when personality has made him the object of veneration, whose religious activity has been the force by the greatest imperatible power of all times—the power that holds people in subjection.

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PRESIDENT IS CALLED TRANQUIL APOSTLE

By Dr. Charles Fleischer.

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A BOSTON orator has bestowed upon President Harding the title, Our Apostle of Tranquillity. And the speaker was not a He-

After all, the President is not the head of a party, but the leader of our whole people—the face and front of America. An Apostle of Tranquillity? A fine and deserved tribute to pay to our President! It characterizes Warren Harding as a moral aristocrat in the midst of our turbulent democracy.

Think of any one in this agitated age actually suggesting serenity! It makes the very thought of him a benediction.

We are seeing our President as a symbol and a type. It is good to know—very inspiring—that our Captain is a calm and self-contained navigator.

Life is never too easy. Indeed, times, even more than Tom Paine's, are times that try men's souls. What with internal troubles and international complications—raging the exam of the thousand natural shocks that social flesh is heir to, from economic ills to national chaos—America is blessed in a President who merits the tribute of tranquillity.

If Warren Harding were high-strung, superstitious, irritable and fussy, we might all sleep under the tension, and America go mad.

We thank you, Mr. Harding, for the sweet sanity of your smile, which is, in very deed, a saving grace.

Strenuous Life

In all conscience with the natural keenness of competition here and with the unusual impetus to industrial striving which succeeded our Civil War, the life of the average American has been strenuous enough these past seventy years. Besides, there seems to be an element in our air—whether it is climatic or just the result of democracy, or both—which has stashed us wide awake, and has given us, as a nation, the nervous temper of a teary giant.

Add to these longactive influences the visitation of world-wide war, with all its attendant train of nerve-racking horror and all its aftermath of stress and strain, and it is no wonder that the average of us feels as though we might crack under the strain.

Just to live takes courage these days. To live with a smile is a spiritual triumph.

Therefore, it is really happy to think of President Harding as our Apostle of Tranquillity. It is a comfort to see the Harding smile as the symbol not only of personal poise, but of official faith that our nation is inherently healthy and that we are the makers of a happy people.

Not Superfluous

Study that Harding smile and note that it is not superior or supercilious, not patronizing or polite, but kindly and good-natured, unassuming and democratic. It breathes good-fellowship, it radiates the tranquillity born of content, determination to do one's best. It is not a superficial smile, so though the wearer were involuntarily whistling to keep up his courage, but it flows outward from the innermost fountain of human fortitude.

It is the smile of Man, the Master—not the one who, with modesty and cheap optimism, too easily says "God is in the Heaven, all's right with the world! But rather it is the trusting smile of a spiritual American who moves well and intends to do well, who feels himself a constructive co-worker with all the creative powers of the universe, a democratic fellow-traveler with the whole of our America.

Here you have reason for our apostle's tranquillity and for the similar serenity of the whole of our America.

Smile on, Warren Harding, Our Apostle of Tranquillity! We are, with you as a people! We hope, gradually, to catch the great contagion of your confidence—and to become tranquil, too.